THE CLAIMS

As amended, the claims of the application are:

- 1. (Currently amended) A desk attachment which includes:
- a base unit including a communication bus having a communication port for connection of the bus to at least one remote signal source, and a plurality of bus connectors; and
- a plurality of user modules for attachment to the base unit such that they are each electrically connected with the bus via a respective bus connector, each module having a PC port for connection with a local computer and at least one peripheral port for connection with a user interface device, said ports of said each module being arranged such that a computer on the PC port is operably connected to said at least one the or each peripheral port and, via the respective bus connector, to the bus.
- 2. (Previously presented) A desk attachment according to Claim 1 in which the base unit includes a channel-shaped chassis for receiving the user modules.
- 3. (Previously presented) A desk attachment according to Claim 2 in which the channel-shaped chassis includes a base wall for attachment to a desk, with upstanding front and rear walls.
- 4. (Previously presented) A desk attachment according to Claim 1 in which the base unit includes a duct to contain the communication bus.
- 5. (Previously presented) A desk attachment according to Claim 4 in which the base unit includes a channel-shaped chassis for receiving the user modules, the channel-shaped chassis includes a base wall for attachment to a desk, with upstanding front and rear walls, and the duct is formed at the junction between the base and rear walls.

- 6. (Previously presented) A desk attachment according to Claim 4 in which the duct is provided with a plurality of bus connectors for engagement by the user modules.
- 7. (Previously presented) A desk attachment according to Claim 6 in which the bus connectors are mounted in spaced positions along the duct.
- 8. (Previously presented) A desk attachment according to Claim 2 in which each user module includes a housing which positively locates within the chassis.
- 9. (Previously presented) A desk attachment according to Claim 8 in which the peripheral ports are mounted on an upper face of the housing which is exposed when the user module is received in the chassis.
- 10. (Previously presented) A desk attachment according to Claim 9 in which the channel-shaped chassis includes a base wall for attachment to a desk, with upstanding front and rear walls, and each PC port is aligned with an aperture in the front wall.